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I, the undersigned, the inventor of the above-referenced patent application, hereby declared the following:

- 1) The pending claims of our above identified patent invention were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on the prior art reference of Jaquith et al (U.S. 6,549, 941) with an effective filing date of November 22, 1999 based (hereinafter referred to as "Jaquith").
- 2) The invention described in the above referenced patent application was reduced to a writing and signed by the undersigned applicants prior to the November 22, 1999 date of Jaquith. In particular, the relevant portion of our Invention Disclosure upon which the above referenced patent application was based is attached herewith.

I, the undersigned, declare all of the above statements are made on my own knowledge, the above statements are true and correct, and the above statements are made on information that I believe to be true. I understand that false statements or concealment in obtaining a patent will subject me to fine and/or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. §1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the above identified patent application or any application issuing therefrom.


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